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The Council of Seventy.

The work of members of the Council at summer schools has been completed, and the results are remarkably satisfactory, in consideration of the fact that the season at all assemblies and summer schools was seriously affected by the hard times.

At Chautauqua, where Professors F. K. Sanders, of Yale; Rush Rhees, of Newton Theological Institution; W. H. Marquess, of the Southern Presbyterian Seminary at Louisville, and D. A. McClenahan, of the United Presbyterian Seminary at Allegheny, gave courses of instruction, the classes in the English Bible were attended by about one hundred different students. Almost the entire number of these students took two hours' work each day. The classes in Hebrew and New Testament Greek which had been announced were all carried through, although the attendance upon some of these classes was small. For the first time in fourteen years the principal of the schools was absent (in Europe), and the courses which he had intended to give were necessarily omitted. The Bible work at Chautauqua will receive a great impetus next year from the new building, the Hall of the Christ, the commencement of which has now been made possible by the recent gift from Miss Helen Gould of five thousand dollars, already noted in the BIBLICAL WORLD. This building will give a center for biblical work, and its beautiful frescoes, statues, and pictures will lend to the study an attractive dignity.

During the summer session of the University of Chicago some eighty students have been working in the department of Old Testament literature and exegesis, and in the corresponding New Testament department one hundred have been in attendance.

At Crete, Neb., where the lectures of Professor Mackenzie were open to the public, an average audience of one thousand was present daily.

At Lakeside, O., the work under Professor Burnham was abandoned at the last moment on account of a small attendance at the assembly.

The Maine Ministers' Institute, for the first time affiliated with the Council, reports a lively interest and good attendance. Twenty-eight

lectures were given. Those of Dr. Berry, of Colgate University, were notably successful.

The school at Bay View, Mich., under Professor F. K. Sanders, of Yale, met with its usual success. About one hundred and thirty-five different students were enrolled.

At Lake Madison, S. D., Professor E. L. Parks met with his usual success in conducting two classes and a conference daily.

Dr. H. L. Willett's work at assemblies in Des Moines, Ia.; Winfield, Kan.; Pertle Springs, Mo.; Bethany Park, Ind., and Macatawa Park, Mich., attracted audiences varying, according to the size of the assembly, from fifteen hundred in the larger to one hundred in the smaller. In addition to his assembly work Dr. Willett visited the International Convention of the Christian Endeavor Society in California, and conducted there the daily morning Bible service. The combined attendance in the Institute schools was fully five thousand persons. This large number of people returning to their homes in all parts of the country should materially influence the character of Bible teaching throughout the year.

Professor Ira M. Price has been reelected president of the Pine Lake Assembly for the third year. In addition to his duties as president, he lectures upon biblical subjects in the general programme each year.

The Institute outline courses were used quite extensively in colleges last year. From Vassar alone ninety-one students were reported. The University of Pennsylvania, Yale, the University of California, the University of Michigan, the University of Chicago, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, and many other institutions, were represented. The announcement of the results of the college prize examinations in New Testament Greek and the English Bible will be made in the next number of the BIBLICAL WORLD.

A new book, *Essays: Jesus and His Times*, a reprint of articles upon this subject which have been published in the BIBLICAL WORLD during the last two years, has been prepared by the Institute for the use of the members of the Bible Students' Reading Guild in its course for the current year.

A new and interesting volume by Professor Shailer Mathews, of the University of Chicago, *The Social Teachings of Jesus*, has been published by The Macmillan Co. In these days of interest in sociology and its relation to Christianity this work will be welcomed. Professor Mathews has just returned from a six-months' trip in Europe and

Palestine, where he personally examined many important remains of ancient Palestinian life.

Professor Geo. S. Goodspeed, of the University of Chicago, the treasurer of the Council of Seventy, has gone abroad for a year of study and investigation. His Council duties will be performed during his absence by Professor Mathews.

The Council has recently had the pleasure of acknowledging from a friend the gift of one thousand dollars, to be used in furthering the work of the Institute.

An exceedingly helpful little pamphlet, containing in about twelve pages an outline of the Scripture material bearing upon the ethical teachings of Jesus, has just been issued by the Institute and can be secured for ten cents. It is the work of Professor Ernest D. Burton and has been used by him in his college classes during the year. It is an excellent handbook for one who wishes to study or teach along this line.